



Kasteel (Castle) Duivenvoorde can be found in the town of Voorschoten near Wassenaar. It was first mentioned in 1226, making it one of the older castles in Zuid-Holland. For the first five centuries of its history, the castle was owned by the family Van Duivenvoorde, hence the name. More details on this castle and the towns of Voorschoten & Wassenaar can be found on pages 20 & 21.

Important: The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.
For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

Upcoming Functions in Neerlandia or in other venues as shown:

Sunday 2 May	<u>"Sunday Card Drive"</u>	10.00 am
	Cost: \$ 6.00	
Saturday 8 May	<u>"Remembrance Day Get-together"</u>	11. 00am
	Everyone welcome	
	For additional details, see page 5	
Sunday 9 May	<u>"Mothers Day Brunch"</u>	10.00 am
	Cost: Adults \$14.00	
	Children \$ 7.00	
	For additional details, see page 9	
Thursday 13 May	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	<i>Shop open</i>
Sunday 16 May	<u>"DACWA Craft & Flea Market"</u>	11.00 am
	Cost: \$2.00 donation	
	Entertainment by: "Dutch Community Radio"	
	For additional details, see page 12	
Thursday 27 May	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	<i>Shop open</i>
Friday 28 May	<u>"End of Month Drinks"</u>	5.00—7.00 pm
	Free entry	
Sunday 6 June	<u>"Sunday Card Drive"</u>	10.00 am
	Cost: \$6.00	
Sunday 20 June	<u>"DVD Afternoon & Lunch"</u>	11.00 am
	Cost: \$10.00 per person	
	For additional details, see page 6	
Friday 25 June	<u>"End of Month Drinks"</u>	5.00—7.00 pm
	Free entry	
Sunday 4 July	<u>"Sunday Card Drive"</u>	10.00 am
	Costs: \$7.50	
Sunday 11 July	<u>"Sunday Brunch"</u>	10.00 am
	Cost: Adults \$15.00	
	Children \$ 7.50	
Sunday 25 July	<u>"Dutch Singers Concert"</u>	2.00 pm
	For additional details, see page 17	
Friday 30 July	<u>"End of Month Drinks"</u>	5.00—7.00 pm

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Private Members Parties:

**For bookings of Private Members Parties or information
that is not in this magazine, please phone:
Pieter Leeftang on: 9364 6703 or Ray Schaafsma on: 9455 4835**

Costs for using the Clubhouse facilities are:

Use of Hall only	\$275.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Lounge only	\$100.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Kitchen	\$100.00 (Incl. GST)

News from your President / Magazine Editor

Dear Members:

Last month I reported on equipment breakdowns and the big hailstorm, but that is behind us now and it is business as usual. The March “End of the Month Drinks” was another success story followed by a well attended Sunday Brunch in April. Reports on these events can be found elsewhere in this magazine.



2010 Membership Payments:

There are still a few members that have not renewed their 2010 membership as yet and we have taken the liberty to enclose a reminder letter placed inside this magazine to those members.

These days with busy lifestyles, paying your membership fee is easily overlooked. If you do get a letter and you have recently paid your fees and received a 2010 membership card, please disregard the letter.

However, if you have not paid your membership fees as yet, we look forward to receive your contribution.

Price increases:

All of our overhead costs such as licenses, rates as well as utilities such as water, power and gas have increased dramatically this financial year and in order to cover some of those increases we have no option but to increase

our own charges.

Entry fees for events held in the clubhouse are an example and from the 1st of July some gradual increases will occur.

Dutch Lessons at Neerlandia:

Last month we reported that there is a possibility that a small area of our clubhouse might be used for young Dutch children. However, we could not quite offer all that was required and another more suitable venue has been found by the “Nederlandse School”. We were honoured that we were given the opportunity to work closer with them and will look forward to future co-operation.

Clubhouse opens on Fridays:

Now that the Dutch lessons are off the agenda we can go back to our original plan, which is to open the clubhouse Lounge every Fridays from 10.00 am—1.00 pm.

We have had some good responses to our appeal for volunteers staff and I can inform you **that from Friday the 21st of May the Clubhouse Lounge will be open every Friday, initially only from 10.00—1.00 pm.**

It is our intention to open the Lounge for everyone so that they can enjoy a cup of Coffee or Tea with a biscuit or a piece of “Appeltaart” or a Lunchtime Snack such as “a Kroketje” or “Bitterballen”.

The Neerlandia Winkel (Shop) will be open as well so you can kill two birds with one stone so to speak.

All members are invited to make use of this new service.

Pieter Leeftang,
your President.

Where is our Treasurer?

In previous issues of the Neerlandia magazine, you will have read that Neerlandia’s Treasurer had to step down.

We looked around for a replacement or even someone who would be willing and who has the time available to do the books for us. So far we have not been successful in finding either.

This is really concerning. It is concerning as our “books” have to be in order for audits at the end of the Financial Year and although we are all enthusiastic committee members, we lack the expertise required to satisfy the format in which Neerlandia has to present its financial situation.

Apart from the business concern, the lack of response from the Community is also worrying as we, the Committee, wonder if you, Neerlandia members, realize the impact of your deafening silence.

What are we supposed to do? What are our responsibilities within the Neerlandia Community? We are elected by you to look after your finances and to make sure that you are happy with the day-to-day running of your Club.

But, guess what, we can not do that without your unconditional support.

Surely, somewhere amongst our members is a son, a daughter, a grandchild, a niece or a nephew computer literate enough to deal with a MYOB accounting program!

Would that person please get in touch with our President Pieter Leeftang and/or our Vice Treasurer Henri Koldenhoven.

To illustrate how dire the situation is, we are currently looking at hiring a professional accountant to assist us. Can you imagine what the cost of hiring a professional is and what it will do to fees charged such as your annual membership?

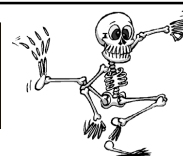
For the sake of your Club, please find us a volunteer to assist us with the books.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Lianna Parker, Secretary



What a crazy world



Stella Awards: (In the U.S.A. of-course!)

It's time again for the annual 'Stella Awards'!

For those unfamiliar with these awards, they are named after 81-year-old Stella Liebeck, who spilled hot coffee on herself and successfully sued the McDonald's in New Mexico, where she purchased coffee.

You remember, she took the lid off the coffee and put it between her knees while she was driving. Who would ever think one could get burned doing that, right?

These are awards for the most outlandish lawsuits and verdicts in the U.S. Last year.

You know, the kinds of cases that make you scratch your head. So keep your head scratcher handy.

Here are the Stellas for the past year:

*** SEVENTH PLACE ***

Kathleen Robertson of Austin, Texas, was awarded \$80,000 by a jury of her peers after breaking her ankle tripping over a toddler, who was running inside a furniture store. The store owners were understandably surprised by the verdict, considering the running toddler was her own son.

*** SIXTH PLACE ***

Carl Truman, 19, of Los Angeles, California won \$74,000 plus medical expenses when his neighbour ran over his hand with a Honda Accord. Truman apparently didn't notice there was someone at the wheel of the Honda when he was trying to steal his neighbour's hubcaps.

*** FIFTH PLACE ***

Terrence Dickson, of Bristol, Pennsylvania, who was leaving a house he had just broken into by way of the garage.

Unfortunately for Dickson, the automatic garage door opener malfunctioned and he could not get the garage door to open. Worse, he couldn't re-enter the house because the door connecting the garage to the house locked when Dickson pulled it shut. Forced to sit for eight, (count them), EIGHT days and survive on a case of Pepsi and a large bag of dry dog food, he sued the homeowner's insurance company claiming undue mental anguish. Amazingly, the jury said the insurance company must pay Dickson \$500,000 for his anguish. We should all have this kind of anguish.

*** FOURTH PLACE ***

Jerry Williams, of Little Rock, Arkansas, was awarded \$14,500 plus medical expenses after being bitten on the butt by his next door neighbour's beagle - even though

the beagle was on a chain in its owner's fenced yard.

Williams did not get as much as he asked for because the jury believed the beagle might have been provoked at the time of the butt-bite because Williams had climbed over the fence into the yard and repeatedly shot the dog with a pellet gun.

*** THIRD PLACE ***

Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, because a jury ordered a Philadelphia restaurant to pay her \$113,500 after she slipped on a spilled soft drink and broke her tailbone. The reason the soft drink was on the floor: Ms. Carson had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument. What ever happened to people being responsible for their own actions?

SECOND PLACE

Kara Walton, of Claymont, Delaware sued the owner of a night club in a nearby city because she fell from the bathroom window to the floor, knocking out her two front teeth. Even though Ms. Walton was trying to sneak through the ladies room window to avoid paying the \$3.50 cover charge, the jury said the night club had to pay her \$12,000.....oh, yeah, plus dental expenses.

Ok. Here we go!! The best one of the lot.

*** FIRST PLACE ***

This year's runaway First Place Stella Award winner was: Mrs. Merv Grazinski, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who purchased a new 32-foot Winnebago motor home. On her first trip home, from an football game, having driven on to the freeway, she set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the driver's seat to go to the back of the Winnebago to make herself a sandwich. Not surprisingly, the motor home left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Also not surprisingly, Mrs. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not putting in the owner's manual that she couldn't actually leave the driver's seat while the cruise control was set. The Oklahoma jury awarded her, are you sitting down, \$1,750,000 PLUS a new motor home. Winnebago actually changed their manuals as a result of this suit, just in case Mrs. Grazinski has any offspring or relatives who might also want to buy a motor home.

Are we, as a society, getting more stupid.... ?

And is Australia slowly heading the same way...?

One wonders!!

Sunday Klaverjas Drive. **Er worden Klaverjas Drives** **worden op Zondag 2 Mei en** **Zondag 6 Juni**

Kosten: Maar \$6.00
per persoon.

Kom gezellig
Klaverjassen voor
Winkelbonnen in
het Neerlandia Clubhuis.
Lunch & Koffie
zijn bij de
toegangspreis
inbegrepen.
Aanvang 11.00 uur
precies.



DUTCH IMPORTED LIQUOR

INMAAK BRANDEWIJN	\$49.00 PER LITER
OUDE JENEVER	\$49.00 PER LITER
JONGE JENEVER	\$49.00 PER LITER
CITROEN JENEVER	\$49.00 PER LITER
BEERENBURG	\$49.00 PER LITER
BESSEN JENEVER	\$39.00 PER LITER
CITROEN BRANDEWIJN	\$39.00 PER LITER
KERSEN BRANDEWIJN	\$39.00 PER LITER
DIKKE ADVOCAT	\$29.00 per 700ml

AVAILABLE WHEN THE BAR IS OPEN:

DJVV 2nd Thursdays:	10.00 am—2.00 pm
Thursdays Evenings:	7.00 pm—10.30 pm
Organised Functions:	See page 2

PRE-ORDERED BOTTLES CAN ALSO BE **COLLECTED WHEN THE SHOP IS OPEN**

Every 2nd Tuesday from	10.00 am—12 noon
Every Wednesday from	11.00 am—1.00 pm



BOTTLES OF DUTCH **IMPORTED LIQUOR ARE ALSO** **AVAILABLE EVERY FRIDAY**

from 10.00 am—1.00 pm
(Except on Public Holidays)



THE ASSOCIATED **NETHERLANDS SOCIETIES OF** **WA (ANSA) and** **THE DUTCH SOCIETY** **NEERLANDIA**



will commemorate the Anniversary of
the Dutch National Liberation Day with a Remembrance Service
to be held on Saturday the **8th of MAY 2010,**
(9.00 am for a 9.30 am start)

AT THE DUTCH ANNEX, PERTH WAR CEMETERY,
Smyth Road, Nedlands.

All Members of the Dutch Community are invited to attend the Service.

After the Service, at about 11.15 am, you are also invited to come along
to a friendly get-together for Lunch at the Clubhouse of the
Dutch Society Neerlandia,

230 Cambridge St., Wembley.

Snacks can be obtained from the Kitchen and
the bar will be open for your convenience. Admission is Free.

For more information. Please contact:

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Mob: 0408 740 680

ANSA Delegate:

Mr. Aat Kievit

Phone: 9453 2080

E-mail: janaren@bigpond.com

All Mail to:: Neerlandia, PO Box 200, Wembley WA 6913

End of Month Drinks

These events will be held on every last Friday of the month

The Clubhouse will be open from 5.00 pm — 7.00 pm

The Kitchen will be open for:

Coffee & Dutch Appeltaart!

Broodje Croquette or Rookworst! Bitterballen!

The Bar and Shop will be open

Come along after work for some relaxation, meet up with old friends or make new ones, listen to some entertainment and enjoy a meal, a snack or a drink from the bar or just a cup of coffee!

Everyone welcome-Every one welcome-Everyone welcome.

DVD Afternoon

Sunday 20 June

Popular Dutch DVD Show

On our Large Screen we will show a short documentary on the Netherlands followed after lunch by an Andre Rieu Concert.

When: Sunday the 20th of June

Time: The Clubhouse will open at 11.00 am.

On arrival you will receive a Cup of Coffee and a Dutch Cake. (Kano or similar) .

The first half of the Show will run from 11.30—12.00 noon.

Then we will have lunch from 12.00– 1.00 pm.

This Lunch will consist of homemade Dutch Pea Soup with “Belegd Brood”.

And from 1.00—3.00 we will show the main Musical.

Cost: \$10.00 donation per person to cover the costs of the lunch.

For catering purposes booking is essential

Please contact:
Ans van Alphen on
9342 6525
(9.00 am– 9.00 pm)



End of the month drinks in February

End of the Month Drinks:

On Friday the 26th of March Neerlandia opened its doors for the third time to welcome (originally) Dutch guests, new members and Friends of DACWA to enjoy a drink and a snack at the “Last Friday of the Month Drinks”.



Nel Goedegebuur, Bob & Agea Sturley & Bram Goedegebuur were first time visitors to the “End of the Month Drinks”. They were introduced and spent some enjoyable time together.

Like last month the event was once again held in the clubhouse lounge and the room filled up quite quickly and again we greeted new faces. For two new couples it was their first visit to the Club and after they were introduced to each other, the couples engaged in “gezellige” conversation while enjoying their “advocaatje met slagroom” or a Grolsch beer.

The dynamics this time were totally different as we had 8 children visiting. As they all knew each other they soon gathered together in the patio to play “Mens Erger Je niet” and Rummikub.

Barry Parker kept the drinks flowing from the Lounge bar and our volunteer kitchen staff made sure that the patrons did not have to wait too long for the ordered snacks.

It's marvelous to see how everyone is enjoying and supporting this new initiative to bring the Dutch Community together.

The organisation of the April's End of Month Drinks was slightly different as on that day, Friday the 30st of April, we celebrated “Koninginnedag” and the clubhouse was also



Also having an enjoyable time were Jozeph Corcoran, Lianna Parker, who was the host and organiser, Yaolan Liem with her daughter and Corrinne Hartsuiker.



Some of the children present were kept busy in the patio room playing Rummikub and other board Games.

open for Neerlandia members from 3 pm in the afternoon. The Dutch Singers did provide suitable entertainment and the idea was that both events would flow into one another.

A full report on this special event will be in our June issue of the Neerlandia magazine.

The next “End of the month Drinks” will be held on Friday the 28th of May!

Will you be there?

Lianna Parker,
Secretary

P.S. Do you have games or jigsaw puzzles that you don't use anymore? You may want to donate them to Neerlandia! Please contact the Secretary on: liannaparker@wn.com.au.

Club news and Public Notices

Sunday Klaverjas Drive:

This event was held on Sunday the 28th of March. The Clubhouse lounge was used once again as we had 27 players, which means 6 tables with Klaverjassers and a Jokeren table. But the redecorated lounge is nice and cosy.

Sharp at 11.00 o'clock the competition started. After 2 games Lunch and Coffee was served, prepared with love by Thea de Koning and Irma van der Kwast and then it was on for young and old again for another 2 games.

When all the players had completed their games, the score cards were checked and the winners were announced.

The battle for 1st place was a close one as there was only a 29 point difference.

The prize winners were:

Klaverjassen:

1st Prize:	Freda Hovingh	6948 points
2nd Prize:	Henk Raafs	6919 points
3rd Prize:	Klaas Zijlstra	6645 points

Jokeren:

1st Prize: Irma van der kwast 22 points

In May we will be back to normal with the event back on the first Sunday, which is the 2nd of May.

Thea de Koning is going on a well-deserved holiday to Europe and we wish her an enjoyable time.

Pieter Leeftang

Neerlandia Library:

We have had a very large number of Dutch books donated lately and consequently we have a large number in excess of our requirement.

We have decided to have a Neerlandia/DACWA Knickknack/Bookstall on the Market Day, which is being held on the 16th of May.

Lianna Parker

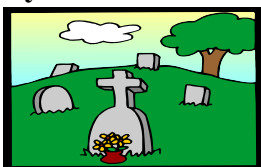
IN LOVING MEMORY

Passed away on the 29th of March

Els Hermans

Our sincere condolences
to her family as well as Bob Honing
from the Carnivals Club The Sandgropers
and the Dutch Society Neerlandia of WA.

May she Rest in Peace.



DACWA Dance & Movement Classes:

Please be advised that as from the 22nd of April the Dance/Movement classes held by DACWA on a fortnightly basis have been moved from the Monday morning to Thursday mornings.

This of course will be on the Thursday when there is no Jeugd van Vroeger (DJVV).

Karin Eastwood

Can you Help?

(We have received an E-mail from the Netherlands from somebody who like to find someone. Can you assist? Editor)

Dear Editor,

I am looking for any sons or daughters of Hans van West, who was married to Bets Siahaya.

If anyone knows them or has any information at all, please contact:

Els de Jong – Dinger,

E-mail: uitgevlogen@planet.nl

Happy Birthday:



On Sunday the 25th of April, Corrie Teeuw, long-term Neerlandia member, celebrated her 100th Birthday.

She received photos and congratulatory messages from the Dutch and English Queens as well as from lots of other dignitaries.

A party was held for her in her in her Nursing Home, the DJVV celebrated it on Thursday the 29th of April and on the 2nd of May a very special Mass was held in her church.

GET WELL SOON:

To those members who are not feeling too well, who are ill, injured or who are battling a severe illness, the Neerlandia Committee wish you all the very best and above all, a full and speedy recovery.



Congratulations!!!!
The following
new members
joined the Dutch
Society Neerlandia

Nella Jansen
Herman Lok
Lies Waller

Mother's Day

Sunday the 9th of May 2010 at 10.00 am

Mother's Day will be celebrated with a special "Uitsmijter" Brunch.

The costs are:

Adults: \$14.00

Children (4-14): \$ 7.00



Enjoy a cup of Coffee/Tea & Dutch Appeltaart on arrival. This will be followed by an "Uitsmijter" prepared the traditional way; all sorts of other Dutch goodies such as "Ontbijtkoek, Krentenbrood, Beschuit" & unlimited Coffee, Tea or Orange Juice. Surprise mother and take her to Neerlandia with the entire family. And we will play some suitable soft background music.

And of course all the Mums that will be at Neerlandia on this special day will receive a small present.

Note: All bookings need to be pre-paid.

For more details Contact Ans van Alphen on:
9342 6525 (9.00 am—9.00 pm)

All bookings made for Mother's Day must be pre-paid.

Your payment options are:

- *Use send your Credit/Debit Card Details or a Cheque or Money Order by mail.*
- *Ring Ans van Alphen and use a credit or debit card over the phone.*
- *Come to the Clubhouse on any Friday between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm and pay by credit card or cash.*

Wanted - Neerlandia Volunteers

To all our members,

Many of our members attend our Social Functions and enjoy the good service and meals that we provide at reasonable prices.

This service is only possible on account of our wonderful volunteers.

Now some of them have gone on a well-deserved holiday and the remaining staff is hard pressed to maintain staff levels as well as provide the service our members are used to.

Surely there are some of our members who can spare a few hours to assist our volunteers either in the kitchen with preparing meals and snacks, or helping with setting up the hall for functions, or with the club's maintenance..

If you can please complete the form below and send it in or hand it to one of our committee members.

YES, I can volunteer and would like to assist with the following:

☐ In the kitchen Name:

☐ Events Phone No:

☐ Maintenance and other chores How often:

Comments:.....

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DE NEERLANDIA WINKEL

Levensmiddelen en allerlei lekkernijen uit Nederland



- Bitterballen, Kroketten & Rookworst van Kasteel & van Wees
- Vleeswaren van Elmar
- Leidse & Goudse Kaas
- Zoute haring & Gerookte Makreel (**available soon**)
- Ontbijtkoek, Gember Koek en Candij Koek
- Groenten in glas en in blik
- Zoute Drop, Stroopwafels, Gesorteerde Koekjes & Beschuit
- Gestampte Muisjes, Hagelslag, Fruithagel & Chocolade Vlokken
- Amandel Koeken, Kano's, Amsterdammers & Speculaas

De Neerlandia Winkel is open op de volgende dagen:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Elke Woensdag | van 10.00 am - 1.00 pm |
| Dinsdag (non - DJVV week) | van 11.00 am - noon |
| Donderdags (DJVV week - see page 2) | van 11.00 am - 2.00 pm |
| Elke Donderdag avond | van 10.00 pm - 11.00 pm |
| Iedere Vrijdag | van 10.00 am - 1.00 pm |



De Neerlandia winkel is bemand door vrijwilligers en daarom moeten de bovenstaande tijden een beetje ruim genomen worden

Brunch on Sunday the 11th of April

Sunday Brunch:

On Sunday 11 April we held our first Brunch for 2010 and we were pleasantly surprised by the members response. Over 70 people attended and they were not disappointed.



Riekie Oorschot, Emma van den Adel, Marina Bull and Fran McManus celebrated the birthday of sister Ria Roolvink

To mention that our volunteer kitchen staff was run off their feet is an understatement, but they still excelled by providing speedy and good service and everyone was served in time with a well-prepared "Dutch Uitsmijter".

A quick explanation for those that do not know what a traditional "Dutch Uitsmijter" is exactly.

It consist of 2 slices of bread covered with Cheese and Roast Beef and on top of that there are either two or one butter fried eggs with some green garnishes on the side.

It does not contain bacon nor sausages and it is no use asking for that as we will not serve that with our "Dutch Uitsmijter".

We also had three parties that celebrated a birthday on the day and they were acknowledged by



Mia Boshart celebrated her Birthday, pictured here with son Ronald, husband Jan and daughter Jacqueline

everyone joining in to sing Happy Birthday to you! Attending the Neerlandia Brunch with family and friends to celebrate a Birthday is a brilliant idea, no cleaning up at home with days of food preparation and our Brunch is much more economic then going to a restaurant.



Nel Goedgebuur celebrated her birthday with husband Bram.

A big thank-you must go

to our volunteers who made it all possible as well as some of the members that took it upon themselves to assist, specially at the end as the cleaning up takes a lot of time and effort.

Our upcoming Brunches, not to be missed, are:
Sunday 9 May, Mothers day Brunch.
Sunday 11 July, our normal Brunch.

Pieter Leeflang.



Ria Roolvink celebrated her birthday with her husband Gerrit, her family and friends.



Neerlandia Volunteers Dora van der list, Thea de Koning, Helna Kleyne and Thea Bloks enjoying a well-deserved break.

DACWA

Craft & Flea Market



**On Sunday the
16th of May
DACWA is holding**

a Craft & Flea Market

Doors open 10.30 am—3.30 pm

**Entertainment by The Dutch
Radio from the Neerlandia stage**



After you had a look around and obtained the piece of art or handicraft or a plant, etc. enjoy some of Neerlandia's hospitality.

Have a Coffee with Dutch "Appeltaart" & Cream or for Lunch a Broodje Kroket, a Broodje Rookworst or a Broodje Haring, a portion of "Bitterballen" or a plate with Cheese & Rookworst.

Wash all this down with a Dutch beer like Heineken or Grolsch whilst enjoying some Dutch background Music.



ENTRY—\$2.00 DONATION ONLY



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Dear Readers,

Oh dear. Sometimes utter frustration gets the better of a person and then something is said or written, which in hindsight, would be much better left alone.

In the last ANSWA supplement in this newsletter, I wrote that NESA had boycotted participation in the ANZAC Day March in recent years.

That statement did not go down too well and resulted in a letter from NESA stating that for more than 25 years their members have supported and marched *every year* in the ANZAC Day Parade, albeit in smaller numbers during the last two years and that they will continue to do so.

I would like to state here that never was the intention to offend anyone and if it did, offered our sincere apologies and herewith officially withdraw the offending statement as being incorrect.

By the time this magazine reaches our readers, this year's ANZAC Day is history, but I sincerely hope that NESA managed to encourage people to march this year.

NESA also mentioned that they have been disappointed at the lack of interest shown by the Dutch Community in the Memorial Service held by NESA at Monument Hill in Fremantle on the second Tuesday in September.

This brings us to an event that every year is superbly run and organised by ANSWA and that is the commemoration of the Anniversary of the Dutch National Liberation Day.

This event will be held at the Dutch Annex, Perth War Cemetery, Smyth Rd, Nedlands on Saturday the 8th of May at 9.00 am for a 9.30 am start and will be in the form of a Remembrance Service.

We have also been informed that the Honorary Dutch Consul for Perth, Arnold Stroobach as well as the Consul-General Mr. J. R. Th. (Jaap) Frederiks will attend this ceremony.

Happy Birthday!!



When someone in the Dutch Community gets to be 100 years old that is an important event and needs to be acknowledged. On behalf of ANSWA, I would like to congratulate Corrie Teeuw on achieving that milestone on ANZAC

Day, the 25th of April 2010.

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Slimme Belg:

Op een goede dag liep Gaston over de markt in Turnhout, toen hij plotseling Camiel zag rijden in een zo goed als nieuwe jeep. Hij herkende de jeep, die was van Lieve. Camiel stopte bij Gaston met een grote grijns op z'n gezicht. "Allee, Camiel, hoe komt gij aan die jeep?"

"Die heeft Lieve aan mij gegeven", antwoordde Gaston.

"Aan u gegeven?? Ik weet dat ze u gèrè ziet, maar een nieuwe jeep, da's toch wel straf!!"

"Awel Gaston, laat me u vertellen hoe dat komt. We reden samen in de jeep ergens op een zandweg in

Nergenshuizen. Plotsklaps zet Lieve de jeep in 4-wiel-aandrijving en sjeest de bossen in. Ze parkeerde de jeep, stapte uit, deed al haar kleren uit en zei: "Camiel, neemt wat ge wilt!" Dus nam ik de jeep

"Camiel, verdulleme, ge zijt 'ne slimme vent!"

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Pas op voor het AOW- gat.

Sommigen weten het al, maar voor anderen is het een onaangename verrassing. Voor elk jaar in het buitenland krijg je straks 2% minder AOW. Volgens de SVB (Sociale verzekeringsbank) hebben in 2025 zo'n 600.000 mensen een AOW-gat. Bijverzekeren is niet goedkoop.

De Sociale Verzekeringsbank heeft becijferd dat in 2025 ongeveer 600.000 mensen een AOW-gat hebben. Een AOW-gat loop je op wanneer je langer dan een jaar in een land buiten Nederland woont of werkt. Per jaar word je met 2 procent gekort op je toekomstige ouderdomspensioen. Dat kan een probleem vormen voor diegenen die lange tijd in het buitenland hebben vertoefd.

Om een volledige AOW te krijgen, moeten mensen tussen hun 15e en 65e in Nederland hebben gewoond. Is dit niet zo, dan is er sprake van een AOW-gat. Dan zal niet het volledige bedrag worden uitbetaald.

AOW-gat

“Wanneer mensen een paar jaar in het buitenland doorbrengen, hebben ze na hun 65e een gat in hun AOW”, zegt Monique Bijen van de Sociale Verzekeringsbank (SVB). Voor de AOW word je per jaar met 2 procent gekort op je toekomstige ouderdomspensioen. Ga je binnen de EU of de EEG wonen, dan bouw je ouderdomspensioen op volgens de sociale wetgeving van dat land.

Op dit moment zijn er volgens de SVB 231.000 mensen met een onvolledig pensioen. Door het toenemende aantal Nederlanders dat tijdelijk naar het buitenland vertrekt om te studeren, te werken of van hun pensioen te genieten, stijgt dit de komende 14 jaar naar bijna 600.000. Maar ook buitenlanders die op latere leeftijd naar Nederland zijn gekomen hebben te maken met een AOW-gat.

Problemen

“Stel dat je een jaar of drie in het buitenland hebt gewerkt”, zegt Bijen. “Dan heb je na je 65e 6 procent minder AOW. Als je gewoon hebt gewerkt en een aanvullend pensioen hebt opgebouwd, of een eigen vermogen hebt, dan is dit enigszins te overzien”.

Bijen vertelt dat mensen voornamelijk in de problemen zullen komen wanneer zij alleen AOW krijgen. Veel van deze mensen zullen daarom een beroep moeten doen op aanvullende bijstand.

Voorkomen

Het is beter om deze situatie te voorkomen, zegt Bijen. Nederlanders zijn niet dagelijks bezig met hun pensioen en zijn zich niet bewust van dit AOW-gat. “Als pas op je 50ste gaat nadenken of je problemen hebt met je pensioenopbouw, dan is het eigenlijk al te laat.”

Een van de oplossingen is het afsluiten van een verzekering. “Je kunt een lijfrentepolis afsluiten om het gat op te vangen. Maar je kunt je ook vrijwillig laten verzekeren bij de Sociale Verzekeringsbank.” Daarnaast pleit Bijen ervoor om goede afspraken te maken in het land waar je naar toe gaat. “Voor veel mensen zal gelden dat ze in een ander land ook pensioen zullen opbouwen.”

Mocht je al te maken hebben met een AOW-gat, dan is het sinds kort mogelijk om na aankomst of terugkeer in Nederland AOW in te kopen. Dit kost echter een paar duizend euro per jaar dat je weg bent geweest. Voor buitenlanders die naar Nederland komen is dit wel een reële mogelijkheid, omdat de hoogte van de premie die bijbetaald moet worden doorgaans lager is. Dit gat moet echter wel binnen tien jaar na aankomst gedicht worden.

Pensioenregister

“De Sociale Verzekeringsbank wijst daarom alle Nederlanders die vertrekken of naar Nederland komen op de mogelijke gevolgen.” Daarnaast kan iedereen vanaf 1 januari 2011 zijn pensioen op internet bekijken. “Dit is een initiatief waar alle pensioenfondsen en verzekeraars aan meewerken. Mensen kunnen op deze site inloggen en hun pensioenaanspraken bekijken.”

(Overgenomen uit “De Expatkrant” van Radio Nederland)

In februari ontving de Dutch Community Radio een invitatie van de Nederlandse Ambassadeur in Australië, de heer Willem Andreae en zijn echtgenote, mevrouw Christine Gervoson de Sierven, om de inhuldiging bij te wonen van de heer Arnold Stroobach als Honorair Consul van het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden in West Australië en tevens afscheid te nemen van de heer Jan Gunnink als vertrekkend Honorair Consul.

Men had geen betere gelegenheid kunnen vinden dan de Batavia zaal van het oude Maritieme Museum in Fremantle. Een keur van genodigden luisterden naar de lovende woorden van de heer Andreae voor de scheidende Consul Jan Gunnink, die na 17 jaar de Koningin had gevraagd hem van zijn functie als honorair Consul te ontheffen. Vervolgens stelde de heer Andreae de heer Arnold Stroobach voor en overhandigde hem de aanstellingsbrief van Koningin Beatrix als honorair Consul van West Australië. Aangezien de zaal waar een gedeelte van het wrak van de Batavia ligt een ruimte is waar strikte klimaat voorzieningen aanwezig zijn en er een verbod geldt voor het consumeren van voedsel en drank, begaf het gezelschap zich naar de entreehal van het museum, waar onder het genot van drankjes en hapjes men kon kennismaken met en afscheid nemen van de nieuwe en oude consul. Wij danken Jan Gunnink voor de interesse en samenwerking die wij in het verleden hebben gehad en wensen hem het allerbeste in zijn privé en zakelijk leven. Wij zijn er van overtuigd dat de samenwerking met de Arnold Stroobach goed zal zijn en hopen dat hij, naast zijn privé en zakelijke leven een goede consulaire tijd mag hebben.



HONORAIR CONSUL ARNOLD STROOBACH EN
AMSSADEUR, WILLEM ANDREAË

Nu we toch over consulaire zaken hebben, mag ik u even herinneren aan de dodenherdenking op 8 mei 2010, die gehouden gaat worden op de Nederlandse annex van de oorlogsbegraafplaats aan Smyth Road in Nedlands. De Consul Generaal van het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden van het Consulaat Generaal in Sydney, de heer Jaap Frederiks, zal aanwezig zijn en een krans leggen namens het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden. Voor meer inlichtingen, zie de advertentie in dit blad.

MRTA (Multicultural Radio and Television Association) de eigenaar van het radio station 6EBA is druk bezig met het testen van digitale radio. Ondanks dat digitale radio nog niet erg populair is, zal in Australië eind 2011 op digitale uitzendingen worden overgegaan en dan moet ook ons radio station daar ook voor klaar zijn. Commerciële en nationale radiozenders (ABC en SBS) zijn al begonnen met uitzendingen en het is de bedoeling dat ze naast de AM en FM zenders werken. Het is niet de bedoeling dat die frequenties binnen korte tijd worden geannuleerd. Men verwacht dat multiculturele zenders, zoals de onze nog dit jaar digitaal in de lucht zullen zijn.

Op zondag 16 mei wordt het wekelijks radioprogramma uitgezonden vanuit het clubgebouw van Neerlandia. Behalve Robert Wegman, die het programma in de studio in de gaten houdt, zullen alle medewerkers van Dutch Community Radio in Neerlandia aanwezig zijn. Er wordt momenteel hard gewerkt om Margaret Baltes en Harry Crijns klaar te stomen, want eind mei gaan Jenny en ik voor een lange vakantie op stap en zal het programma door de anderen worden overgenomen. Tegen het einde van augustus zullen wij weer on air zijn. Tot dan

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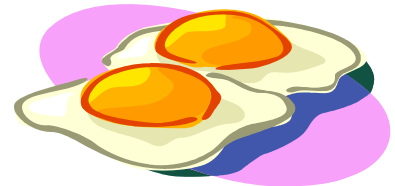
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A remarkable Neerlandia Member

A remarkable Story:

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*lives in Nannup WA. She was born in June 1926 and very soon she will be 84 years old. She has been a Neerlandia member since our beginning and what is so remarkable, **she has never seen nor set foot in our Clubhouse.** But each year she not only pays her membership on time, but there is also a*

donation for Neerlandia included with her membership payment.

I thought it appropriate to publish a part of her life history. (Editor)

PRISONER OF WAR MARY STEWART

At the age of thirteen, Mary de Groot (now Stewart) left her home in Holland to sail with her mother, two sisters and brother for Indonesia in October 1939. The sea voyage took seven weeks and the family arrived in Indonesia at the end of November. Mary's father was a Corporal in the Dutch Navy and worked as a Submarine Engineer. He was stationed in Soerabaja and decided to take his family with him as they were provided with a house.

During the next two years the family grew as another sister was born and Mary recalls the wonderful time the family had in Indonesia.

In March 1942 the Japanese invaded and Mary's family were forced out of their home and they relied on a family friend to house them as Mary's father was away fighting.

The Japanese then called out certain letters of the alphabet and if one's last name started with that letter you were put on a train and taken away. Their nameletter was called and the train trip lasted a day. Once the train stopped they were forced to walk to an old convent. Many people fainted on the way as they suffered from diarrhea and malaria. The Japanese told them that there was plenty of food and water but in reality there was very little food. Mary was put to work in the garden from early

morning until late at night. Her mother was made to peel yams. Mary's oldest sister was ill and spent two years in hospital, her brother and two younger sister's were too young to do anything. There was no privacy and everyone was forced to bathe together regardless of sex. At the age of 15, Mary's brother was taken away with the other young boys to another camp and the family had no contact with him.

One thing that helped the family survive was Mary's ability to make shoes, which she exchanged for more food.

All in all, Mary and her family were shifted through four camps and all of them had only wooden bunks with no mattresses and food was always scarce.

Even at the end of the war the Dutch civilians were not safe. After the Japanese left they were still held prisoners by young Indonesians.

The Ghurkhas finally freed them from the Indonesians. Mary and her family stayed in a camp before being moved to Batavia (Djakarta).

They then boarded a Catalina Flying Boat (Crawley Baths), which took them to Australia. First stop was Adelaide, then Melbourne, from where they were taken by truck to a hotel and they could not believe their eyes, all the food and the shops.

After a week they came to Perth and stayed at the Governor Broome Hotel.

By this time the family had been reunited as both Mary's father and brother joined them in Perth. The hotel was home to a lot of ex-servicemen and in March Mary met her future husband, Doug Stewart and they married in August 1946.

Mary's father returned to Holland in June 1946 and her mother stayed for her wedding to Doug before returning to Holland in September 1946 with her brother and two younger sisters.

Mary's oldest sister also married an Australian and did not return to Holland.

Doug and Mary settled in Nannup and lived there peacefully, far away from the horror of war and enjoy their family and friends.



Mary in 2000.

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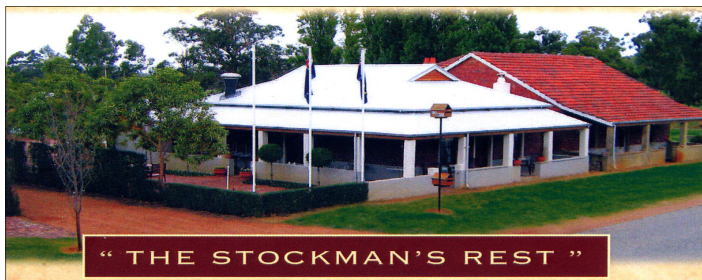
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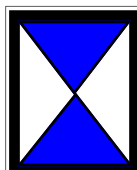
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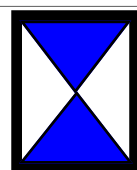
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The pleasant town of Wassenaar

WASSENAAR

Wassenaar is situated north of The Hague / Scheveningen and to the south west of Leiden. It is known as one of the most beautiful villages of the Dutch North Sea shore area. The coastline of Wassenaar is over 8 kilometres long and covers an area of 62.5 square kilometres. Inhabitants of Wassenaar are called Wassenaarders. Wassenaar has approx. 26,000 inhabitants and approx. 3,400 inhabitants have a different nationality than the Dutch. The pleasant village centre of Wassenaar is surrounded by dunes, wooded areas, estates and residences. The town has a green and rustic character and hardly has any industry.



Wassenaar Flag and Coat of arms

HISTORY



One of the many beautiful villas

Wassenaar is a town that fairly spread out and it is located along the dunes of South Holland. The village of Wassenaar remained small for centuries, however, the coastal land between The Hague and Wassenaar was sought after by the rich of The Hague, who were looking for locations to build their villas. Places like Clingendael and Duinrell were created by these people in the seventeenth century. Around 1795 Wassenaar had no fewer than 26 of these places. It's little wonder that this town is a favourite place for the rich.

It is known that a 12th century Romanesque church in Wassenaar is situated on the spot where the

Northumbrian missionary Willibrord once landed in the Netherlands; the high dunes to the west were not formed until later. Wassenaar long remained an unremarkable little town, known only as the home of the "House of Wassenaar". It only began to gain notoriety in the 19th century when Louis Bonaparte ordered the construction of the Heerweg ("Lord Road") between The Hague and Leiden, which forms the current Rijksweg. In approximately 1840, Prince Frederik built the De Paauw Palace. This building is now the Wassenaar's Raadhuis. (Town Hall)



The Paauw Palace, these days it is the Town Hall

From the beginning of the twentieth century Wassenaar attracted thousands of new residents, because of the death of some large landowners, which caused some large pieces of land to become available.

A historically important transition is maintained between the buildings around the village church and Berkhei. The Berkhei is a remnant of the western beach area and apart from occasional planting, Sophiekehuis still has its characteristic structure. This structure, with small characteristics of the old buildings, is still strongly identified and therefore included in the current protected village picture.

The American World War II and Korean War general Haywood Hansell, who helped plan the Allied bombing offensive against both Germany and Japan, lived in Wassenaar in retirement from 1957 to 1966.

THE WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT



The Wassenaar Arrangement, formally established in July 1996, is a voluntary export control regime whose 40 members exchange information on transfers of conventional weapons and dual-use goods and technologies. Through such exchanges, Wassenaar aims to promote "greater responsibility" among its members in the exports of weapons and dual-use goods and to prevent "destabilizing accumulations." Unlike its predecessor, the Cold War-era Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls (COCOM), which was created to restrict exports to the former Soviet Union and Eastern bloc, Wassenaar is not targeted at any region or group of states, but rather at "states of concern" to members. Wassenaar members also lack veto authority over other member's proposed exports, a power that COCOM members exercised.

To promote transparency, Wassenaar calls on states to make a series of voluntary information exchanges and notifications on their export activities, related to weapons and items appearing on the arrangement's two control lists.

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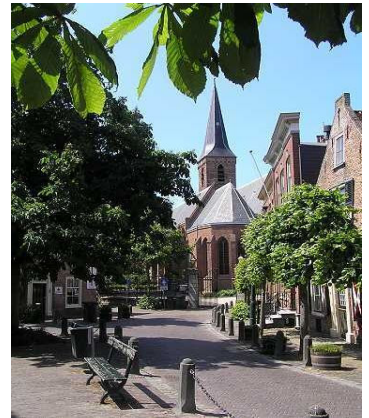
The pleasant town of Wassenaar

Every six months, members exchange information on deliveries of conventional arms to non-Wassenaar members that fall under eight broad weapon categories: battle tanks, armoured combat vehicles (ACVs), large calibre artillery, military aircraft/unmanned aerial vehicles, military and attack helicopters, warships, missiles or missile systems and small arms and light weapons. Members added the final category in December 2003 after years of debate. The ACV, aircraft, and helicopter categories include models designed to perform reconnaissance or conduct command of troops missions

GREEN OASIS

With The Hague, Leiden and Leidschendam near by, the village of Wassenaar is more attractive by its small scale and rural character. The size, nature and appearance of the facilities and shops in the village are good in relation to the village as a whole. In the centre of Wassenaar there are many retail stores and catering venues located. Also the residential function is strongly present in and around the centre.

Around Wassenaar there are many other shopping centres, which is attractive for the people of Wassenaar because of the location, accessibility, and parking places. The centre of Wassenaar also attracts people that live outside of Wassenaar, for whom like the historical atmosphere of the centre. In comparison with other centres, the shops in Wassenaar are relatively small independent retailers and less subsidiary companies. The city centre contains historical buildings and smaller retail units.



The Church on the Square

Wassenaar also has some well known inhabitants living there, such as the king to be, prince Willem-Alexander and his wife princess Maxima and their 3 daughters, who live in estate Eikenhorst. (see photo left)



DUINRELL FUN PARK

With its unique location adjoining the stunning Tiki water park and close proximity to the Dutch bulb fields, Duinrell has something for everyone. One of the most popular attraction parks in Holland and lying within a nature reserve, Duinrell really is a unique holiday park. However, it is the endless diversions of the theme park, which is open 4th April - 1st November and Tiki water park which will attract most families with teenagers and children, but please note that a passport photo is required by each customer for their entry ticket. The Tiki complex offers two hours swimming free for Camp4Less customers between 10am and 2pm daily. This is when you will discover an incredible array of different pools, wave machines, whirlpools and the longest, most spectacular covered water slides in the world - 1000 meters of them in all, plus a great indoor playground for the children to explore. The amusement park, meanwhile, offers white knuckle thrills for older children and gentle pursuits for little ones. Best of all, rides are free to Camp4Less customers! Valid Photo identity document is required by law for all persons aged 14 yrs+ whilst on holiday in Holland.



Colossal Waterslide at Duinrell Fun Park



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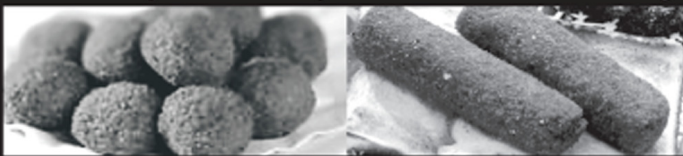
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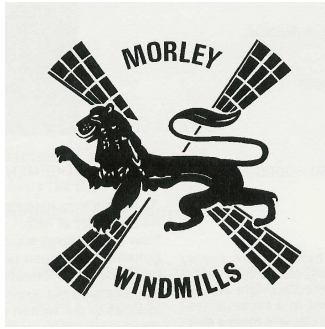
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NEWS FROM THE MORLEY-WINDMILLS SPORTS CLUB INC. AS WELL AS THE SOCCER CLUB INC.

Hi all, and welcome to the Morley-Windmills page.

At the moment we are up and down in all departments. One minute we seem to be on top of things and the next minute we are down and out and this seems to be going through all section of the club and we cannot find the cause of it.

As there is nothing much happening within the Windmills Club as far as new ideas and or maintenance of the clubhouse is concerned, so there is nothing for me to report on that front.

The sports club is going well, we still have a lot of functions coming up, which are keeping us very

busy, which is good for the club.

On the soccer side, things look very good on paper but nothing is working out on the field. So far we had three games this season and lost them all and it is not that we played bad, it is just that we cannot get the ball in the back of the net. Our first game against Gosnells we lost 3-0. It took us about 10 minutes to settle down, but from thereon we controlled most of the first half until the last 10 minutes when we relaxed and gave Gosnells two shots at goal that went in. Half time 2-0. The second half was much the same with us Morley-Windmills controlling most of the game but could not finish things off and again slacking off towards the end and let Gosnells in to score a third goal.

Our next game was against Dianella White Eagles, which was a good game to watch. Both teams played some good football and created some good opportunities, but it was Dianella who scored first when they made the most of a mistake in the Windmills defence. Dianella scored again early in the second half before Wind mills decided that was enough and

put a lot of pressure on the Dianella defence. We pulled a goal back half way through the second half. We kept up the pressure but could not find a second goal. A draw would have been a fair result.

The next game against Ashfield I rather would forget.

This was the game between ex-Windmills players and the new crop of Windmills players. The game started off well with Windmills scoring within the first five minutes. It was a fast and open game and it was Ashfield that levelled the score ten minutes before half time.

The first five minutes of the second half started off well when all of a sudden a Ashfield player put in a dirty tackle, a Windmills player retaliated and a brawl broke out resulting in a red card for the Windmills player and nothing for the Ashfield players not even a yellow card, which seemed strange as they also where throwing punches and kicking.

Five minutes later Windmills were down to nine man when another player was sent of for a second bookable offence by pulling a player back by his shirt in front of the referee, so Windmills was down to nine man with still over a half an hour to play. For the next twenty five minutes Windmills did well and put Ashfield under a lot of pressure but could not score.

Ashfield came back in the last ten minutes to run out comfortable winners 5-1.

They did not deserve it, a draw maybe, but not the full points.

Someone at the club is organising a Quiz Night to raise funds for the Soccer Club either late June or early July.

I will keep you posted. Till next time, take care.

Karl Hofstee.

We never had it so good.

The 'Republic of the Seven United Provinces' actually started with the 'Unie van Utrecht' on the 23rd January 1579, thereby unifying the Northern Provinces of The Netherlands against the rule of the Spanish monarchy. The original signatories were Holland, Zeeland, part of Utrecht and the province of Groningen, but not the city. Not long afterwards followed by most of Gelderland, the city of Groningen, Overijssel, Drenthe and part of Vlaanderen with Antwerpen, Brussel, Mechelen and Ghent included. Through this 'Unie' it was agreed to form a common army under central command, the central government to undertake treaties with other powers, while each of the associated provinces could keep their own privileges, coins, weights and measures; in other words the Republic should not take over the sovereignty from each of the independent participants. The 12 year 'Non Aggression Agreement' (1609-1621) signed with Spain on the 9th of April gave the young rebellious Republic the time to cement its power base and expand its trading potential into a mighty respected and feared world power. It actually was a victory over the Spanish, who agreed to leave the Provinces at peace; they granted the Dutch 'Free Lands, Provinces and States against whom they make no claim for the duration of the Truth'. In return the Dutch gave up no land and nothing was mentioned to halt their attacks on the Spanish colonial settlements and their trade vessels.

It is really amazing how the Republic did so well in so short a period. In the signed Agreement of the Unie it was stated that a central taxation system was to be put in place, but in reality this was at last put in place in the year 1806 during the French occupation of the so called 'Batavian Republic' (1795-1813). In effect the Republic was a federation of a group of sovereign states with privileges as mentioned earlier on. The central government functioned throughout for a good part on monies borrowed from eager investors. Also many wars were fought during its existence, like with France from 1672 off and on for nearly 40 years and not to forget 3 wars with England over the supremacy on the oceans during 1652-1674. Towards the year 1600 the Dutch standing armies were the most advanced and well trained in Europe and second only to the Spanish army. During the same period the national fleet grew in size in tandem with the army and during the 1600 period developed into a major world power. The founding of the Vereenigde Oost Indische Compagnie (VOC) in 1602 by order of Raadspensionaris Johan van Oldebarnevelt was a major boost to Dutch prosperity, followed by the newly formed West Indische Compagnie (WIC) in 1621. It should not be overlooked however that already in medieval times, trade with the Baltic region under the banner of the Hanseatic League brought already prosperity to the lower lands, which in the course of time helped to shape the Dutch into a world power.

After the Unie van Utrecht came in place, the well

trained Spanish armies in 1585, lead by the Duke of Parma managed to re-gain the cities of Brussels, Mechelen and as well as the most important one Antwerpen. This military action caused a massive exodus of merchants, bankers and trades people to the northern provinces. Speaking the same language made this transfer a lot more attractive for all concerned. Especially those merchants from Antwerp were heavily involved in the way of shipping and the manufacture of goods in big quantities. It is estimated that up to 150.000 people left Antwerp to settle in the Republic. On top of this, around 35.000 protestants, the so called Huguenots, were fleeing north after Louis XIV cancelled the Edict of Nantes (under which they were protected) in 1598. These upheavals combined brought a massive influx of talent and capital into the Republic.

And so as the years were adding up in the 1600 period, the upper crust in the Republic was growing powerful and wealthy beyond imagination. After the murder of Prince Willem van Oranje on the 10th of July 1584, his son Stadtholder Prince Mauritz proved to be a top military strategist who managed to reduce the Spanish control of the Netherlands. This together with the massive influx of talent and capital, rapidly transformed these enterprising Dutch into the most powerful people on earth. The big advantage the Dutch had over their competitors was, that they were living where the three great and important rivers in Europe were coming together and flowing into the sea; naming the Rhine, the Scheldt and the Maas. Transport and general travel on land in these days was often hazardous and cumbersome because of rough roads which were frequently also subject to attack by brigands. The ships were carrying all of the goods for transport, and then transshipped to overseas destinations. As of old, the area where the Dutch had settled, became a basis for the establishment of a great variety of industry.

The VOC hereby was a major contributor. In their hi-day



the company owned 150 trading vessels, 40 war-ships, employed 20.000 sailors, had 10.000 soldiers in service and close to 50.000 civilians

were employed or directly dealing with it. In those heady days a dividend of 40% was not uncommon. Its shares were trading on the stock exchange in Amsterdam and were purchased by all who had the money to invest. In this time the population numbered one and a half million. All the happenings as recorded earlier were resulting in a building boom. To house all these new arrivals, many windmills were being built to saw timber for housing, for the many ships needed, as well as for windmills erected to produce a great variety of products like paint, oil, flour for bread, mustard, cocoa, paper etc. and last not least for the hundreds of windmills required to do all this work.



As most of Holland was swampy and under sea-level, dikes were built and lakes being drained by wind power to create more land needed for agriculture. And

so the Zaanstreek grew into the first industrial area on earth during the 17th century with over 1000 wind-mills in operation, 364 of which were sawing timber. The great number of saw-mills so close to Amsterdam was the result of the Hand-Log-Sawyers Gild, controlling wages and working times of the log-sawyers in the city and around. The Zaan area was outside the Gild's control and so the wages and working times for the workers developed according to the supply and demand system. The ship building yards in Amsterdam could not compete anymore against the Zaan yards who could work without any restrictions from controlling trade-gilds and in the year 1670 a total of 65 ship-building yards were operating there. Records show that in the year 1697 some 78 'Groenland Vaarders' left the Zaan sailing out to catch whales. A daily average of 14 hours were worked in a 6-day week, but for the wind-mills other rules applied. With a good consistent wind, up to 20 hour days were the rule. When no wind was blowing, or storms made it too dangerous for the mills to operate, the mills were at a standstill and the workers earned nothing. Therefore when a favourable wind was blowing, working days of 20 hours or just round-the-clock work were not uncommon. At night the mills inside were lit by oil lamps whereby the confined area made work often hazardous. The interior was dusty, the wings silently swishing around with great force, creating an eerie atmosphere and often causing the whole structure to tremble or shake in the case of the log-sawyers. One has to be there to experience the power of those heavy rolling stones grinding flower, the impact of those heavy stampers pounding cakes for cattle into shape, or the force of those heavy saws moving up and down cutting through logs and added to this all the regular heavy swish of a wing hurtling past. I worked for a short time in one of these wind-powered saw-mills in wartime, when I had to hide from the Germans. The wages earned were often not enough to sustain a family, so from an early age the children had to work as well. Mum often contributed with sewing or cleaning for her betters or if possible was employed to make fishing nets or rope making or work in other industries outside gild control. Life for the sailor and his family was not all that easy either. Especially for the women, life was tough. Their husbands were often away for half a year or longer when sailing to the Far East and they had to make do with whatever money they had and with family support if any. Together with fishing crews, all sailor lives were often in danger, especially when adjusting sails in rough weather

or washing over-board in a heavy storm. For the workers in those days there was no insurance against accidents, being ill, or a pension system when without work. It was to be expected that loss of life through accidents or sickness on the Far-East journey could run up to a quarter of the ship's crew total and no insurance against this either. It was not surprising that women at times resorted to prostitution in order to survive, especially in the harbour places. Only highly prized workers families could expect some gratuitous compensation from their employer.

Throughout the whole of our history, inflation has been with us. The Romans in their day faced inflation and dealt with it by reducing the silver or gold content of their coins. Research has shown that inflation in the Republic however was not a great factor. During a hundred year time-slot from 1600 till 1700, inflation reduced the value of the currency by close to 3%, which according to our present day standard is very low. Prices for the various goods fluctuated at times though, according to the law of demand and supply.

What made life more bearable was the end of the hostilities with King Philip II of Spain, who out of sheer economic necessity had to stop trying to subdue those heretics in that watery country they called the 'Republic of the Seven United Provinces'. That happened at the Peace negotiations finalised in Munster in the year 1648. Just think of what these sturdy Dutch had to cope with during all those 80 years of warfare for their independence. Numerous sea-battles were fought under, to name a few of the most popular Admirals, Tromp, Piet Heyn and Michiel de Ruyter. Then also all those engagements on land, beginning with the 'Slag bij



Michiel de Ruyter

Heiligerlee' on 23 May 1568, from which the 80-year war is counted, followed by some major events, such as the loss and rape of Haarlem on 27 May 1572, then the 'Victory of Alkmaar' on 8 October 1573, followed by 'Leiden's Ontzet' on 2 October 1574. The 'Slag op de Mokerheide' on 14 April 1574 was lost and cost the lives of the Counts Lodewijk and Hendrik van Nassau. Then

came the famous capture of Breda on 25 February 1590 with help of the 'Turfschip' followed by the well known 'Slag bij Nieuwpoort' on 2 July 1600 where Prince Mauritz lead his army to victory.

With this I am ending this great story of Holland's Glory, made possible by the efforts and sacrifices of the common people, of whom many did not always participate in the great rewards of the country's prosperity and suffering instead misery and deprivation.

Gerard Woerlee.

Challenging puzzles by the Puzzle Wizard

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CODEBREAKER PUZZLE



How to play the Game:

A Codebreaker is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number represents the same letter all the time in this puzzle.

All you have to do is find out which letter is represented by which number!

The codes for 3 letters are given. When you have entered these letters throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing your first word and also discover other letters. If you are unsure, use a pencil, then you can always erase.

The April Codebreaker was not too bad once you found the words Parallel. Following is the entire solution:

A=1; B=2; C=20; D=19; E=24; F=17; G=8; H=22; I=18; J=13; K=9; L=11; M=10; N=7; O=3; P=15; Q=12; R=16; S=26; T=14; U=4; V=5; W=6; X=23; Y=25; Z=21.

AB CDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

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Sudoku

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers in the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain one each of the digits 1 through 9.

Sudoku - Easy

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5	6		9			4	1	3



Sudoku - Moderate

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			1			2	5	
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